ELECTION CONFIRMATION

Applicant confirms the election of Group I, claims 7-10, drawn to a ringed tubular sheath, classified in class 138, subclass 156, as stated in a telephone conversation with Examiner Brinson and Applicant's attorney Michael O. Sturm, on February 23, 2005.

REMARKS

Claims 1-6 and 8 are cancelled. Claim 7 has been amended to include the limitations from allowable claim 8. Claim 8 is cancelled. The corrections kindly suggested by the Examiner have been made to claims 9 and 10. Claims 11-18 are withdrawn. Claims 7, 9 and 10 remain in the application.

Accordingly, because all claims 7, 9 and 10 are believed to be clearly allowable, a notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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